[Mr. T. Kumara Pillai.]

(*b*) In case the scrutiny is finished, have the Government been able to notice any acts of injustice done by the Excise Commissioner?

(*c*) If so, in how many cases were modifications effected in the appointments made by him?

(*d*) Will the Government be pleased to state the names of the persons concerned in those cases and their official designation?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) to (*d*) The list of appointments made by the Excise Commissioner under the reorganisation is still under scrutiny.

Appointment of Relatives by Heads of Departments.

173. MR T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether the rules issued by the Government to the effect that the relatives of heads of departments should not be appointed under them are still in force?

(*b*) Was it during the administration of Mr. Van Ross that Mr. W. J. Cleur, a relative of his, was appointed as Inspector, Customs House, Alleppey?

(*c*) Have the Government permitted him to keep this Inspector, who is a relative of his, under him?

(*d*) Are Government aware of the fact that, when the appointment of Mr. W. J. Cleur was made, there were applicants with better qualifications and that there were men in the department itself with higher qualifications and service?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Mr. Cleur was appointed as Inspector before Mr. Van Ross became the head of the department. He was posted to the Customs House, Alleppey, by Mr. Van Ross.

(*c*) The Proclamation relating to the matter does not prohibit the retention of relatives of heads of departments in their own departments.

(*d*) No.

Persons from Cochin Service now in Travancore Service.

174. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to prepare and lay on the table a statement giving the following items of information:

(*a*) the names of persons entertained in the public service in Travancore who were previously employed in the Cochin service;

(*b*) the offices which they held there and the pay thereof;

(*c*) the appointments given to them here and the pay thereof;

(*d*) the names of those borrowed from the Cochin service;

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(*e*) the names of those who were discharged from the Cochin service but entertained here;

(*f*) their conduct while in the Cochin service and the reasons for their discharge from that service; and

(*g*) the names of those who, after being discharged from Cochin, were entertained in the Travancore service and whose service in Cochin has been counted as service here, as also the length of their service in Cochin so counted?

MR. R KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) to (*g*) Government do not propose to call for the information, as the period for which it is wanted is indefinite, and as in their opinion the time and labour involved in its collection will be out of proportion to its utility.

Persons discharged from the Cochin service.

175. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware of the fact that when persons who were discharged from the Cochin service were entertained here, there were people here with superior qualifications, who were applicants for those posts?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to state the reasons which induced them to entertain persons whose services were dispensed with by the Cochin Government?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is not possible to give an answer, unless particulars of the cases which the member has in mind are given.

Entertainment of a person who worked against Travancore Interests.

176. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether an officer who, while in the Cochin service, worked in favour of Cochin and against Travancore in connection with the boundary dispute between the two States, was entertained in the service here?

(*b*) If so, will the Government be pleased to state the name of that officer, his official designation here, and his pay?

(*c*) Will the Government be pleased to state what that officer's official designation and pay in Cochin was?

(*d*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether that officer's services were dispensed with in Cochin or whether his services were lent to this State?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) to (*d*) It is not possible to give an answer, unless the member gives the name of the officer whom he has in view.

Grievances of Employees in Medical Department.

177. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware of the

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